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SUBJECT: FRG FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S INTEREST IN
MIDDLE EAST

1. IN THE COURSE OF A CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER
GENSCHER JANUARY 31, GENSCHER ASKED ME IF WE HAD ANY
INFORMATION TO CONVEY ON MIDDLE EAST PROSPECTS. HE
SAID THAT ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON WAS DUE IN
BONN FEBRUARY 25-27, AND THAT HE (GENSCHER) WAS
PLANNING A VISIT TO EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA
MARCH 17. THUS, IN THE TIME AHEAD- HE WOULD BE
DEVOTING A GOOD DEAL OF ATTENTION TO MIDDLE EASTERN
AFFAIRS. HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH THE ISRAELI
AMBASSADOR IN CONNECTION WITH THE ALLON VISIT IN BONN,
AND WITH THE EGYPTIAN, SAUDI AND THE ARAB AMBASSADORS
JOINTLY ON HIS OWN TRIP. GENSCHER ASKED ME TO CONVEY
TO THE SECRETARY HIS INTEREST IN BEING KEPT CURRENT
ON IMPORTANT MIDDLE EASTERN DEVELOPMENTS. HE WANTED
TO STAY CLOSELY IN TUNE WITH AMERICAN THINKING, AND
WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF WE COULD HONOR HIS REQUEST WITH
AUTHORITATIVE, HIGH LEVEL INFORMATION.

2. I WOULD HOPE THAT, FROM TIME TO TIME, WE COULD
PROVIDE GENSCHER WITH THE SORT OF INFORMATION HE
DESIRES AS WELL AS ANY SUGGESTIONS WE MIGHT HAVE AS
TO HOW HE COULD BE HELPFUL IN HIS MEETING WITH ALLON
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AND DURING HIS TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

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